This case has been carefully reviewed and analyzed in view of the Office

Action dated 17 November 2004. Responsive to the Office Action, Claims 1-8 are

now cancelled from this case, and Claims 9-18 are newly-inserted for further

prosecution. It is believed that with such newly-inserted Claims, there is a further

clarification of Applicants' invention for this Patent Application.

In the Office Action, the Examiner rejected Claims 1-8 under 35 U.S.C. §

102(e) as being anticipated by the Chen reference. As mentioned, Claims 1-8 are

now cancelled from this case. As each of the newly-inserted independent Claims

9 and 14 now more clearly recites, moreover, Applicants' claimed apparatus

includes among its combination of features "a metal grounding member having a

substantial planar portion" which may be readily secured to a given electronic

unit. The apparatus also includes among its combination of features "at least one

peripherally projecting F antenna portion integrally formed with ... [this] metal

grounding member." Such F antenna portion "project[s] in substantially coplanar

manner from a periphery of said substantially planar portion of said metal

grounding member," as Claims 9 and 14 also now more clearly recite.

The full combination of these and other features now more clearly recited

by Applicants' pending Claims is nowhere disclosed by the cited Chen reference.

Note in this regard that Chen merely discloses a discrete antenna element precisely

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of the type referred to in the subject Patent Application, whose shortcomings are

overcome by Applicants' claimed apparatus. As such, Chen's radiating element 2

is secured in a multi-layered assembly, connected to a separate grounding metal

layer 4 therebelow through a conductive via 14, for example. This teaches quite

plainly away from such structural features of Applicants' antenna apparatus as "a

metal grounding member having a substantially planar portion," and "at least one

peripherally projecting F antenna portion integrally formed" therewith to

"project[] in substantially coplanar manner from a periphery of said substantially

planar portion" thereof, as newly-inserted independent Claims 9 and 14 each now

more clearly recite.

It is respectfully submitted, therefore, that the cited Chen reference fails to

disclose the unique combination of elements now more clearly recited by

Applicants' pending Claims for the purposes and objectives disclosed in the

subject Patent Application. The other reference cited by the Examiner but not

used in the rejection is found to be further remote from Applicants' claimed

apparatus when patentability considerations are taken into account.

In reviewing the Specification of the subject Patent Application, certain

particularly awkward and imprecise instances of idiomatic and grammatic errors

were incidentally noted. The paragraph in question is corrected by this

Amendment to remove such idiomatic/grammatic informalities, which might have

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otherwise provided a source of confusion. The corrections incorporated are purely formal in nature and, therefore, introduce no new subject matter.

It is now believed that the subject Patent Application has been placed fully in condition for allowance, and such action is respectfully requested.

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